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# Christmas again

## Team Yokota residents share in PACAF base appearance award

By Maj. Stephen Clutter

374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

It was a little bit like Christmas in January. That's the best way to describe the mood around the 374th Airlift Wing Headquarters building last week as leaders from around Yokota decided how best to spend about \$200,000 in "prize money" for sweeping the Pacific Air Force's Base Appearance competition last year.

"Hey, this is going to be fun," said Col. Mark Zamzow, 374th Airlift Wing Commander. Zamzow kicked off the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and emphasizing the importance of making sure major tenant organizations had a say in the process.

"This was not just a 374th AW award," Zamzow noted. "It took a team effort by the whole community and I want the whole community to share in benefiting from the award."

Although the PACAF evaluation team visited Yokota in August, the winner was not announced until late November. Yokota pulled off a stunning upset, beating out bases such as Hickam, Kadena, Misawa and Elmendorf for the overall award, plus took the "Most Improved" category as well.

Once the jubilation settled, though, base officials had another task on their hands — figuring out how to spend the

PACAF money.

Rather than arbitrarily deciding, wing leaders solicited suggestions from Yokota residents. A suggestion box was set up at the celebration event held a few weeks ago at Hangar 15. Ideas ranged from planting trees, buying a batting cage and "another place for the Yokota Aero Club" to building a "real Class 6 store" with a full selection of microbrew beers.

When the final count was done though, a few top vote-getters emerged. New seats for the base theater, as well as soccer fields, play ground equipment and a jogging path around the south overrun were heavy favorites going into the meeting.

In the end, purchasing new state of the art seats for the base theater topped the list. Two portable power washers will also be purchased. If there are funds left over, they will be spent on recreation equipment for schools on base, the group decided.

Although AAFES shows movies at the theater, the base is responsible for maintaining and renovating the facility. AAFES, however, plans on spending about \$50,000 to upgrade the sound system in the theater as part of the seating renovation. When the project is complete (it could be done within six months) Yokota will have a state-of-the-art the-

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# Air Force identity, symbol transitioning into millennium

By Senior Airman A.J. Bosker

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WASHINGTON — As the Air Force continues its transition to the expeditionary aerospace force, it is focusing its identity to help with recruiting and retention in the new millennium.

As part of this effort, officials said they are working to establish a single, compelling theme and symbol to represent the Air Force to its members and the public.

"We want to ensure our core identity is part of our culture and is understood by our own people and the citizens we serve," said Gen. Michael E. Ryan, Air Force chief of staff. "As we enter the 21st century, our identity — who we are, what we do and what we believe — will represent both our heritage and our future."

"We know who we are and what we do," he said. "We want others to know, and we want them to support our Air Force."

Secretary of the Air Force Whit Peters said, "We know Air Force men and women take great pride in



what they do. Our identity effort crystallizes what they're thinking. It will foster unity in the Air Force and help the American public understand the worthy work we do — from fighting the nation's wars to peace-keeping to humanitarian relief."

How is the Air Force determining how to express

its identity? "By doing a lot of research," Col. Ron Rand, Air Force director of public affairs, explained.

With the help of a private corporate identity firm, Siegel & Gale, the Air Force spent the past year conducting research among the service and the public to capture the common elements of its identity that have great meaning to bind its people together.

The Air Force committed approximately \$150,000 to research internal and external audiences to determine current understanding and beliefs held about the Air Force, and approximately \$655,000 to hire Siegel & Gale to help interpret the research and ensure its identity is effectively communicated to Air Force members and potential recruits.

"Since last February, we've conducted seven surveys, held 68 focus groups and interviewed 13 retired four-star generals and 110 other people," Rand said. "We've taken input from about 10,000 people. Of this number, 7,500 were enlisted members, officers, and civilians in the active force, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve. The other 2,500 were members of

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## Carvin' in Harbin ...



Above, snow sculpture at the annual ice and snow festival in Harbin, China. Left, Master Sergeant's Scott Reekie (left), 374th Transportation Squadron first sergeant, and Bob Englehardt (right), a structural craftsman from 5th Air Force, apply finishing touches on their ice carving sculpture during the festival. Their work above titled "The Ever Expanding Circle of Humanity" drew praises from the judges. See page 5 for story and photos.



photos by Master Sgt. Val Gempis

# Undersecretary tours base, Pacific

## *AF number two civilian discusses re- cruiting and retention*

**By Maj. Stephen Clutter**  
374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Carol A. DiBattiste, undersecretary of the Air Force, paid a visit to Yokota Air Base this week. It was familiar turf for DiBattiste, who is one of the top civilian leaders in the Air Force. It was familiar turf for DiBattiste, who was once stationed here while serving as an officer on active duty.

DiBattiste, who stopped at Yokota Tuesday as part of a tour of several Pacific Air Force Bases, is responsible for all actions of the Air Force on behalf of the secretary of the Air Force and is acting secretary in the secretary's absence.

The primary focus of her visit to Yokota was to listen to concerns from junior enlisted members about recruiting and retention. Besides meeting with 5th Air Force leaders, she held an enlisted call at the Yujo Community Center.

"We have some major problems with recruiting and retention that really worry me," she said during the enlisted call. "For the first time in 20 years we missed our recruiting goals. We are undermanned by more than 10,000 people. This is a major problem."

The undersecretary then listened to the concerns and possible solutions that Yokota's airmen threw at her for more than an hour.

"You (the active duty members) are our best recruiters. One suggestion I have for you is when you're home or on leave, go and visit the high schools and just talk to the people. Tell them about the Air Force," she said.



photo by 1st Lt. John Sheets

**Undersecretary of the Air Force, Carol DiBattiste, addresses a group of Yokota's enlisted corps during an enlisted call Tuesday at the Yujo Community Center.**

"Don't lie to them. Just sensitize them to the Air Force. I know you're the best. We just need to get you out there and tell everyone else that."

DiBattiste said the Air Force is, "breaking because of the old operating principle of doing more with less."

"We need to find solutions to these problems and find them soon," she said.

DiBattiste began her distinguished career as an enlisted member herself. She enlisted in the Air Force in 1971, serving five years as an accounting and finance specialist and recruiter. She was commissioned in 1976 and served as an operations officer in a recruiting squadron and later as a judge advocate.

She was assigned to Yokota from 1983 to 1985 as a circuit prosecutor. She retired from the Air Force as a major in 1991.

DiBattiste went on to an accomplished career in public service in the departments of Defense and Justice. Prior to being appointed to her current position, DiBattiste was the deputy U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Florida in Miami. Before that, she served as the principal deputy general counsel of the Navy, and was also the director of the Executive Office for United States Attorneys in Washington, D.C., where she oversaw and provided support to the 94 offices of the United States Attorneys.

Her awards and honors include the Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters and the Distinguished Public Service Award from the Department of the Navy.

She holds a master of law degree from Columbia University School of Law, New York, as well as a Juris doctor from Temple University, Philadelphia and a bachelor of arts in sociology and criminal justice from LaSalle University, Philadelphia.

DiBattiste said the Air Force leadership will be focussing on four areas to improve recruiting and retention.

The Air Force intends to add 300 additional recruiting slots; increase advertising (The Air Force intends to spend \$64 million on advertising this year); increasing enlistment bonuses and encouraging active duty service members to get out in the community more.

She mentioned that Air Force is asking Congress to approve permissive TDYs for those who want to return to their hometowns and assist recruiters.

DiBattiste also toured Yokota, visiting the areas such as the Natatorium, the Teen Center and the Airman Leadership School.

DiBattiste spent the night at Yokota Tuesday before returning to the United States.

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# New BAH rates reduce out-of-pocket costs

WASHINGTON – Defense Department officials recently announced the new Basic Allowance for Housing rates, which took effect Jan. 1 and apply to all military services.

“The good news is the rates for people living in high-cost areas are increasing,” said Maj. Justo Rivera, chief of Air Force pay and allowance policy. “On the other hand, over half of our Air Force installations are located in areas with lower housing costs and, over time, newly assigned people there will receive lower BAH rates. However, the lower rates will not apply to those who are presently living in these areas as they are ‘rate protected.’”

Under this “protection,” if BAH rates decrease, members’ current allowances remain unchanged; if the housing allowances increase, members will receive the higher amount.

“The lowered rates will only affect members who arrived at their new assignment after Dec. 31, 1999, since the BAH legislation includes a ‘rate protection’ provision to protect currently assigned members from fluctuating local

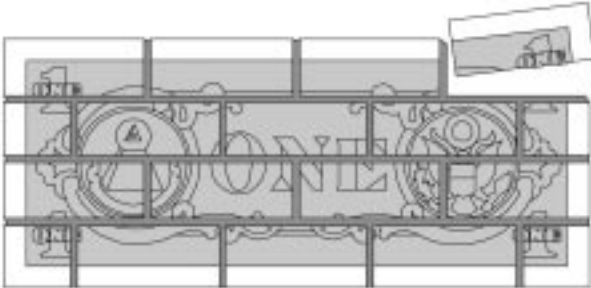
housing costs,” he said.

Rivera said a significant feature of the new BAH program is, regardless of where airmen are assigned, out-of-pocket expenses are equalized for every grade. No matter where in the country people move, they’ll have the same out-of-pocket dollar amount within each grade and dependency status.

In enacting DOD’s housing allowance, Congress intended to pay for approximately 85 percent of the national average housing cost for each grade, with the member paying 15 percent “out-of-pocket.”

BAH does not cover all of service members’ housing costs. By law, service members should pay no more than 15 percent of the national median housing cost out-of-pocket. In 1999, the out-of-pocket expenses were approximately

19.8 percent. Secretary of Defense William Cohen recently expressed his desire to further reduce out of pocket expenses for housing. He indicated the



2001 budget would include funding to help do that.

The new BAH program, which replaced the Variable Housing Allowance, is intended to provide uniformed service members housing compensation based on comparable civilian costs of housing. BAH is based on rental costs by pay grade, dependency status and location. It’s designed as a partial reimbursement to assist service members and their families in affording suitable off-base housing.

According to Rivera, some key improvements of the housing allowance program include a cost-based system that is more efficient and responsive to the growing housing costs than the previous sys-

tem. The new BAH methodology also ended the creeping growth in members’ out-of-pocket expenses. Another change is the elimination of annual housing surveys and variable housing allowance offset.

“The VHA offset was a negative incentive since it authorized finance offices to recoup a portion of the allowance when individuals did not use their full housing allowance,” he said. “In addition, we got rid of the annual requirement to provide a copy of the lease or rental agreement to the finance office.”

“A key factor of the old and new housing allowance methodologies remains our commitment to ensure that the typical service member of a given grade and dependency status will not be penalized — or rewarded — for assignment to a high or low housing cost area.

“We will continue to take every reasonable step to ensure housing allowances are accurate and equitable.”

For specific BAH rates, service members can visit the Per Diem Committee web site at <http://www.dtic.mil/perdiem/rateinfo.html>.

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the general public.”

This extensive research was used to find strengths and weaknesses in Air Force identity, Rand said. “We found that our people generally feel allegiance to the unit they belong to and to their job, more than they feel part of one big organization.”

Research also showed that instead of one unifying theme, the Air Force has many different ways of expressing its identity, he said. In addition, there was little consistency in the visual representation of the Air Force.

“If you look at our base welcome signs, you don’t get as much a sense of the Air Force as you do of the units behind the gates,” he said. “The same applies to our aircraft, our newspapers and home pages, and even our uniforms.”

“Unless you have really good eyes and can read the U.S. Air Force tape on someone’s battle dress uniform, you may not know what service he or she represents,” he said. “As for our aircraft, which are seen by millions of people, the tail markings tend to represent the wing and the command. You have to look pretty hard to see U.S. Air Force on our aircraft.”

To overcome these inconsistencies, Siegel & Gale identified the four prevailing themes that emerged from the research: individual achievement, intelligence and technology, core values, and mission. They recom-

mended the focus of the identity be the vital mission the Air Force performs around the world, because it was the theme that surfaced with the most passion throughout the research. The other three themes will support the mission focus, Rand said.

In characterizing the mission, Siegel & Gale concluded the Air Force is a world-class, mission-ready organization. From this, they recommended the theme “World Ready.” They also devised a symbol that captured both the heritage and future of the Air Force. These were presented to Air Force leaders in November. After much discussion, the secretary and chief of staff asked that more development work be done on both the theme and the symbol.

While theme alternatives are still in development, the proposed symbol updates the Hap Arnold wings and star with a more modern, angular design.

“Many people believe the Hap Arnold emblem is the official Air Force symbol, but it isn’t,” Rand said. “We don’t have an official symbol, and never have had one. With the transition to the EAF and a new millennium, our leadership decided the timing is right to modernize our identity and give us an official symbol which will preserve the heritage of the Arnold wings.”

During research, Air Force and public audiences saw various meanings in the new design.

“Most saw an eagle in flight and a medal of valor,”

he said. “Enlisted members saw their stripes and officers related to the star. Air Force people and civilians alike identified the new symbol with the Air Force’s leading edge, aerospace mission.

Don’t expect to see changes throughout the Air Force immediately, according to Rand. “There are no final decisions on any of this yet,” he said. “We’re still working through all the options on the development of the theme, the use of the symbol, and the implementation of both.

“There is no intent to repaint the fleet or change all our base signs overnight,” Ryan said. “When we reach a final decision on our identity, we’re going to try it on for awhile as we develop a plan to roll it out with minimal disruption and cost.”

“We’re trying to encapsulate the essence of what it means to be in the Air Force,” Peters said. “The Air Force is a wonderful organization. It offers extraordinary opportunities beyond the monetary and the educational benefits that we have been using in recruiting.

“The Air Force is a fast-paced, fun, tough, and rewarding environment. It’s about teamwork, patriotic service, and belonging to a world-class organization ready to respond anywhere in the world in a matter of hours. That’s what we’re trying to communicate. My hope is that this identity effort will do that.”

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# Most suggestions were 'in the works'

## Leaders weed through ideas for spending base appearance money

By Jim Robb  
374th Civil Engineer Squadron

Many of the suggestions to spend Yokota's Base Appearance Award money are already being addressed, according to 374th Civil Engineer Squadron officials.

Among the top "vote-getters" for ways to spend money for Yokota winning the Base Appearance Award for PACAF, in addition to improvements to the base theater, were an adult sized soccer field, improvements and additional playgrounds, and upgrades to base gym facilities. Many of these suggestions are already in the process of being addressed through a variety of funding sources and methods.

"The need for an adult-sized soccer field has been on the books since 1993," said Richard Ferrebee, 374th Services Division director. "Finding space to put one had been the major challenge. Space to permanently site a field is currently being worked and will depend on future project funding by the Japanese Government. So to meet the need for an interim facility, plans are underway to modify/expand Darling Field south of Hangar 15 near the High School and POL yard. It will be made into a full-sized soccer and football field this summer through an initiative of Services and potentially could be cost-free to the base."

Playgrounds were high on the list for Yokota as well. Base officials have long recognized that there weren't enough playgrounds. Many have been incorporated into designs of projects. Eight are currently under contract either as part of a housing renovation



An artist's rendition of one of the proposed parks already being planned by base civil engineers. Parks and recreation areas drew many votes when the community was asked how to spend the money from the base appearance award.

or as part of a Japanese Facility Improvement Program project.

"Two parks will be part of this work as well," Lt. Col. John Ahern, base civil engineer. "The east housing area will receive the most with five playgrounds and a park improvement. North housing will receive two new playgrounds and a park. West housing will receive a park with a playground. We expect work to start on these projects this coming summer."

Upgrades to the gym facilities were also suggested in the surveys. There is a project to refinish and paint the

floors of the main basketball court and five racquetball courts. This project has been awarded and construction is expected to start this spring.

A complete renovation project has been designed and is currently in the fiscal 2001 construction program. Work includes walls, floors and ceiling finishes, upgrading the electrical, communication and fire protection systems, renovation of the locker rooms, replacing the heating and ventilation systems, replacing the water systems, replacing the sauna and stove, and doing asbestos abatement throughout the building.

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ater, which can be used for movies, plays, commanders' calls, as well as community meetings, said Col. Cheryl Zadlo, 374th Support Group commander.

"This is really something that will benefit the entire community," Zadlo said. "And since we can do it fairly soon, it will have a direct benefit to the people of Yokota who worked so hard to win the base appearance competition."

Civil Engineering officials also emphasized that many of the suggestions pertaining to parks, playgrounds, soccer fields, and recreation equipment are already programmed as part of the base's master plan. As for the jogging path pro-

posal, it lost steam once it was pointed out that construction would have to wait until the airfield renovation design was complete.

Those considerations and others put the idea for new, high quality theater seats into the front row. By time the meeting was adjourned, officials from organizations around Yokota had embraced the idea. Some details still need to be worked out, but the seats will



One style of theater seats being considered for purchase with the appearance money.

table power washers, which are expected to cost about \$23,000.

"The idea is we want to keep this base looking good," said Zamzow. "These are power washers that are easy to use and will help us maintain the pride in ownership we

displayed to win the base appearance award in the first place."

Because Yokota won last year, it will not be eligible to compete in this year's PACAF Base Appearance competition. But there's always next year, Zamzow noted. So just because your idea wasn't chosen this time, best keep it handy. There also may be other ways to fund those projects.

"Let everyone remember, however," Zamzow added. "When it comes to pride in our community, we're not going to sit on our laurels for the next two years. That's why we're buying those power washers. But it's great that the base theater will finally be a comfortable place to sit – Team Yokota sure earned that luxury!"

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PACAF commander visit

# Carvin' in Harbin

## Yokota ice sculpting team works magic in China

By Master Sgt. Val Gempis  
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HARBIN, CHINA (AFPN) — With the temperature quickly dipping close to -30 degrees U.S. Air Force Master Sergeants Scott Reekie and Bob Englehardt were busily chiseling and hacking away at a huge block of snow when they heard a child's voice in broken English call out, "can I have a photo?"

Both airmen, who were on top of a 13-foot high, by 10-foot wide and 10-foot thick block of snow, looked down and saw a smiling Chinese child gleefully staring at them. Putting away their chisels and saws, both happily obliged as several more giggling children and adults quickly gathered around the Americans to pose for photographs.

Like veteran Hollywood entertainers they joked, laughed, and shook hands with the crowd. They brought on more smiles from the kids when they handed out souvenir pins during Harbin's 14th annual Ice Lantern Festival. The pair, who are both stationed at Yokota Air Base, represented the U.S. during the ice and snow sculpture competitions here.

Harbin is located in northeast China with a population of more than 9 million people and an area of 56,579 square kilometers. It's the cradle of the Chinese snow and ice art and the Harbin Ice Lantern festival is well known internationally.

"It's so fantastic to be here. There's nothing but smiling and friendly people. We enjoy interacting with the people the most. Even though we're tired from carving we still try to accommodate everyone who wants to talk to us. We might be the only Americans they'll ever see in their life and we'd like to leave a positive impression," said Reekie, a first sergeant for the 374th Transportation Squadron. "Plus they smother you with so much excellent food. I've never eaten better anywhere in my life."

The ice carving competition began with an opening ceremony attended by the contestants and Harbin City officials.

After the ceremony the sculptors immediately started working at Zhaolin Park where huge blocks of ice were already on

display that had been expertly carved by local artists into famous landmarks, pagodas, palaces, dragons, space ships, animals and cartoon characters. The sculptures, lit from inside with brightly-colored lamps nightly turn into a glittering array of brilliant art. Tourists from all over the world flock here to enjoy the sight of these intoxicating wonders.

During the ice carving contest the airmen used chain saws, hand chisels, planers, and draw knives, to expertly and meticulously shape and define the lines of the ice that is hard as concrete. "It's very physically demanding work in an extreme environment," said Englehardt, a structural craftsman from 5th Air Force. "We spend 10 to 12 hours a day working in -30 degree weather. By the end of the day you can barely lift anything. Your hands and fingers hurt and your body is sore. You're using muscles that you normally don't use. You've got to have a lot of desire and commitment to do this."

After the first day of carving Englehardt's hands were so stiff from constantly slamming and pounding chisels that he couldn't pick up his chopsticks during dinner that evening. For three days they carved from nine in the morning till eight-thirty at night only taking occasional breaks and always looking forward to the warm tea brought around by members of the organizing committee, offering temporary relief from the cold. During the tea break the carvers would rush to drink their hot beverage because if they didn't, the extreme temperature would turn their cup of tea into frozen liquid within minutes.



Above, Master Sgt. Scott Reekie, 374th Transportation Squadron, shakes the hand of Chinese girl during Harbin's annual Ice and Snow Festival. Right, Reekie and Master Sgt. Bob Engelhardt, 5th Air Forces, attract a crowd of onlookers at the festival.



uid within minutes.

Their "Ever Expanding Circle of Humanity" sculpture, a piece that symbolized humanity moving out into space and beyond received praise from the judges.

In the snow sculpture contest held at Ski Island Park near the frozen Songhua River, a combined U.S.-China-Singapore team captured third place with their rendition of the Y2K Millennium Bug.

Eighteen teams competed including participants from Germany, Russia, Switzerland, Canada, China, Hong Kong, Japan, and Singapore. The United States Snow Sculpture Team, composed of members of the Yokota Air Base community, includes active-duty and civilian personnel.

They prepared by practicing their carving skills at home using materials such as foam, soap, wood, and the occasional block of ice used for demonstration at one of the local schools or festivals.

This is the fourth time the team has participated in China, where they have previously

placed above Olympic teams from Italy, France, and Great Britain. The team from Yokota has been competing on the international level since 1973, and will next represent the nation in February at the Sapporo Snow Festival in Hokkaido, Japan, where they were awarded the Judges Special Art Award last year.

## 374th Contracting Sq. named 'best in command'

By Senior Master Sgt. Allen Hughes Jr.  
374th Contracting Squadron

The 374th Contracting Squadron was recently selected as the recipient of Pacific Air Force's Outstanding Operational Contracting Unit, recognizing the squadron as the best in the command.

The squadron spent the last year preparing its personnel, equipment, and facilities for the competition. They then submitted a comprehensive presentation detailing their accomplishments and initiatives designed to improve daily operations and streamline acquisition initiatives. Although competition throughout the command was extremely keen, Yokota's accomplishments were clearly a "cut above," according to PACAF officials.

"This award highlights and validates just how effective our squadron has continuously improved to satisfy its myriad

of customers throughout the Kanto Plains of Japan," said Lt. Col. Thomas Snodgrass, the squadron commander. "We are pleased with the selection, and I am especially proud of the men and women of this squadron as they have displayed their professionalism and dedication and sacrificed their off-duty time to ensure the mission success, as well as, customer satisfaction. The guys and gals on the floor and mid level supervisors are the ones that make it work and are ultimately responsible for the success and deserve total praise for the selection of this award."

Some of the squadron's recent achievements include awarding more than 52,000 contractual actions for a total of over \$285 million. They successfully achieved competition goals of 99.6 percent; saving more than \$700,000 for the Defense Energy Service Command on their fuel trucking services contract. They also acquired more than \$1 million for the Stars and Stripes digital printing press.

Their IMPAC program grew by leaps and bounds, increasing from \$11 million to \$17 million spent, while still surpassing the Department of Defense mandated goal of 90 percent of all eligible acquisitions.

In addition, the squadron hosted five on-site Defense Acquisition University courses that provided acquisition professional development program certification to more than 180 students from around the Pacific rim.

Other accomplishments included being rated as one of the top five facilities on base that contributed to Yokota winning the Base Appearance Competition for 1999.

"It takes a special breed of people to pull together to ensure that the missions throughout the Kanto Plains are met and to be the best within the command," said Snodgrass. "The 374th Contracting Squadron is now preparing to compete at Air Force Level and is proud to represent Yokota, as well as, PACAF for the best within operational contracting."



## Frame of choice

Active-duty Air Force members will now be allowed to order one frame of choice in addition to the standard military spectacle annually. This greater choice in eyeglass frames is intended to improve use of military-provided spectacles and is meant as a quality of life initiative. Under the program members can choose from six alternative frame styles in various colors. Members must go to the optometry clinic with their medical records to order the glasses. E-1s through E-4s will be given the first opportunity to order and should do so by Feb. 15. All enlisted members can order their frames from Feb. 15-29. O-3s and below can order theirs' from March 1-15. The program is open to all members after March 16. If your prescription is more than a year old, call TRICARE at 225-3562 to schedule an optometry appointment. For more information about the program, call Maj. Charles Yu at 225-8404.

## Coast Guard ball

The Coast Guard here is celebrating its 85th anniversary with a ball at the officers' club from 5:30 to 11 p.m. tonight. The event costs \$35 and all are invited to help celebrate. For more information or tickets, call 225-8405.

## Thrift Shop scholarships

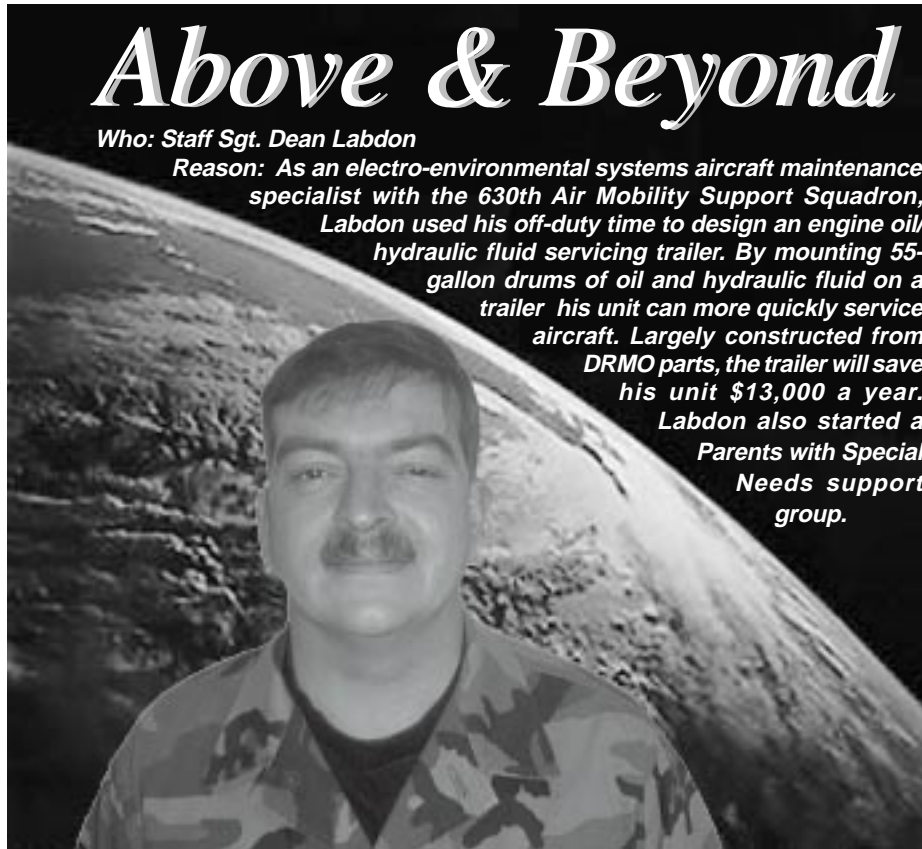
The Yokota Officers' Spouses' Club Thrift Shop is giving away \$38,000 in scholarships. Yokota graduating seniors are eligible for \$28,000 in scholarships. Applications are available from Ms. Harrigan's office. Ten thousand dollars in scholarships are available to base spouses. Pick up an application at the education office or the Thrift Shop. Applications are due Feb. 25. For more information, call Pam Dunn at 042-545-9044.

## Ball and fashion show

The African American Heritage ball and fashion show will be held at 6 p.m. Feb. 5 at the New Sanno Hotel. The guest speaker will be Chaplain Nathaniel Crawford, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command chaplain. Cost is \$35 and dress is semiformal or African. Two buses will be available for transportation, one leaving at 11 a.m. and the other at 1 p.m. For more information, call 225-5590.

## Valentine's Day meal

The Samurai Cafe will have a special Valentine's Day meal 6 to 7 p.m. Feb. 11. Meal card holders will be allowed to invite one personal guest. If the guest you



**Who:** Staff Sgt. Dean Labdon

**Reason:** As an electro-environmental systems aircraft maintenance specialist with the 630th Air Mobility Support Squadron, Labdon used his off-duty time to design an engine oil/hydraulic fluid servicing trailer. By mounting 55-gallon drums of oil and hydraulic fluid on a trailer his unit can more quickly service aircraft. Largely constructed from DRMO parts, the trailer will save his unit \$13,000 a year. Labdon also started a Parents with Special Needs support group.

invite is BAS or civilian the cost of the meal will be a flat rate which includes the surcharge. The menu includes T-bone steak and shrimp. RSVP by Feb. 8 by calling 225-8870.

## New show

A new show will begin airing on Channel 18 Feb. 1. The program will be shown at 6:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday and will cover different Services' facilities, programs and the people who make it all happen. For more information, call 225-5292.

## Valentine's accepted

The *Fuji Flyer* is accepting Valentine's Day messages from the local community for its Feb. 12 edition. Messages must be tastefully done and submitted with the originator's name and phone number. Limit the number of words to 14. Send submissions to: fuji.flyer@yokota.af.mil or drop them off at the 374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs office in Bldg. 315 by Feb. 2.

## Wiccan religion

A group is forming for those interested in Wicca. This is a religion of ancient Europe with emphasis on earth-centered spirituality and connecting with the divine through nature worship. Meetings will be held on a monthly basis. For more information, call 225-7009.

## Red Cross classes

**Healthy Pregnancy/Healthy Baby** -- 6 to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 1, 8, 15 or 22 in the hospital's first floor conference room.

**Babysitter's Course** -- noon to 4 p.m. Feb. 12 and 13 in Bldg. 4018 Room 212.

**Community First Aid and Safety** -- 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 19 in Bldg. 4018 Room 212.

For more information, call 227-3308.

## My Honey & Money

A My Honey and Money financial management class will be held Feb. 22 at the Family Support Center. The class is developed to assist couples and includes topics like managing debt, credit management and setting financial goals as a couple. For more information, call 225-8725.

## Entrance policy

U.S. Forces Japan policy requires visitors from certain countries to be approved for entry to the base by the installation commander. These countries are listed in USFJ Policy Letter 205-2, which will soon change to USFJ Instruction 31-11. China and North Korea are two of the countries on this list. If your visitor's country is listed on the USFJ policy letter, your request must be submitted to security forces and the Air Force OSI, then to the installation commander. For more information, call 225-7606.

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# Birth Announcements

**Nov. 18** -- Erickson Chase Aikens, 9-pound 3 1/4-ounce son of Janice and Derrick.

**Nov. 29** -- Jeremy Buensuceso, 9-pound 5 3/4-ounce son of Maria and Renato.

**Dec. 1** -- Adoryzel TaPharaoh-funte Hunter, 7-pound 12-ounce son of Merlie and Rahn'ld.

**Dec. 2** -- Hannah Beth Prince, 8-pound 6 1/4-ounce daughter of Heather and Jamie.

**Dec. 5** -- Ariaeh Taryn Berhow, 10-pound 5 1/2-ounce daughter of Elizabeth and Bryan.

**Dec. 10** -- Jajuan Deonte Cook, 7-pound 13-ounce son of Tiffany and Willie.

**Dec. 16** -- Kayden David Candelario, 8-pound 7 1/4-ounce son of Elizabeth and Peter.

**Dec. 21** -- Shuji Brendan Gillis, 8-pound 15-ounce son of

Yuki and Kouji.

**Dec. 23** -- Talia Risa Ethridge, 4-pound 11-ounce daughter of Yuko and William.

**Dec. 23** -- Eden Nichole Woolworth, 8-pound 5 1/2-ounce daughter of Stephanie and Rick.

**Dec. 29** -- Kauwsuay Rojphimphun, 5-pound daughter of Puttavaksa and Raksak.

**Jan. 3** -- Jie Na Brianna Funk, 9-pound 7 1/2-ounce daughter of Je ae and William.

**Jan. 4** -- Marcus Eugene Banks Jr., 11-pounds 6-ounce son of Denise and Marcus.

**Jan. 6** -- Tierra Alexis Daniel, 5-pound 14-ounce daughter of Annie and Paris.

**Jan. 15** -- Marquis Antonio Gore, 5-pound 11-ounce son of Susan and Tora.

*Have a question or problem you can't get answered?*

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**Action Line**

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**225-TEAM**

**Automobile:** 1985 Toyota Celica, 5-speed, runs great, tuned up in November, fresh oil change, new tires, great A/C, 6-disc CD player, JCI until August, \$400 OBO. 227-3968. (1)

**Free:** Affectionate 5-month-old kitten, tabby with golden eyes. Is out of tune with new piano in home, but kitty is otherwise purrfect. Cat accouterments available. 042-551-7108. (1)

**For sale:** Large wooden cage with chicken wire walls, \$200 OBO; small wire cage, \$15; 20-gallon aquarium, \$30; many plastic turtle/hamster containers, \$3-10. 227-9695. (1)

**Automobile:** 1992 Nissan Primera, air, automatic, power windows, door locks and mirrors, AM/FM cassette, great condition, JCI until September 2001, \$3,000. 227-6336. (1)

**Motorcycle:** 1997 Suzuki TL 1000s, FI, V-twin, dark green, 13,000 Km, JCI until September 2001, full-power export model, full M4 race exh, Dynojet FI module, \$6,500 firm. 227-9079. (1)

**For sale:** Desert Eagle 357 Magnum, lightweight frame, original IMI, factory box, cleaning kit, two spare magazines, Millet adjustable target sights, less than 500 rounds fired, good condition, stored at base armory, available only to qualified individuals with commander's approval, \$850; three kerosene heaters, \$115 for all three. 227-2228. (1)

**For sale:** Toaster oven, barely used, \$25; small apartment/dorm size light wood table with four chairs, \$45; brand new umbrella stroller, \$10; two Honda Integra tires, \$30 for both. 227-4259. (1)

**For sale:** Black entertainment center, \$80; golf clubs, \$4 each; vacuum, \$30; pair of skis, \$70; floor lamp, \$20; full-size bed frame, \$30; sub woofer, \$50. 227-4275. (1)

**For sale:** Pure-bred Siberian Huskie puppies, three females, three males, both parents on site. 227-4394. (1)

**Reward offered:** For information leading to the return of two 8x16 and two 7x16 Volks racing 5-spoke rims which were stolen. Call law enforcement desk or 227-8026. (1)

**Motorcycle:** 1994 Honda V-45 Magna, 750cc, progressive suspension system, two full-face helmets, only 5,200 Km., JCI until December, \$3,250 OBO. 227-8026.

For sale: tailor-made irons, like new with regular bubble shaft, 3-9, PW, AW, SW, \$400 firm. 227-8445. (1)

**Wanted:** Keyboardist to join progressive rock

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band, must have own equipment, classical training preferred but not required, serious inquiries and musicians only. 227-3054. (1)

**Automobile:** 1990 Nissan Cefiro, JCI until August 2001, AM/FM cassette, all power, new tires, alternator and battery, 66,000 Km., excellent condition inside and out, \$2,000. 227-4159. (1)

**For sale:** 1993 Mazda Bongo van, blue, automatic, radio cassette player, JCI until January 2001, \$2,900; 1994 Toyota Sprinter, 4-door, automatic, all power, JCI until December, \$3,200. 042-45-1454. (1)

**For sale:** Converter to make American appliances work properly in Japan, new condition. 042-545-9044. (1)

**For sale:** Labtec LCS-3010 computer speakers, great bass, new, \$30; Salton cappuccino/coffee/expresso maker, new, \$90; Labtec 1020 speakers, \$10; Sharp 8mm ViewCam, 3" color LCD, 16X zoom and more, used less than five hours, cost \$599, will sell for \$300. 227-3260. (1)

**Automobile:** 1987 Toyota Town Ace, JCI until January 2001, 5-speed, heat and air, power steering, \$800 OBO. 227-3013. (1)

**Wanted:** Violin teacher to give weekly lessons to a beginner. 227-3162. (1)

**For sale:** Large six-sided Star Wars Episode I poster display that was forbidden to be given to the public, make serious offer. 227-2726. (1)

**For sale:** U.S. Robotics 56K modem V.90, ISA slot, \$65; Belkin Bitronics data switch, \$40. 227-4279. (1)

**For sale:** Dalmation puppies, JKC registered, 2 months old, healthy and vaccinated, raised in home with children, \$400, price includes delivery. 0267-45-3238. (1)

**Automobile:** 1985 Toyota Supra with turbo, automatic, AM/FM cassette, air, power everything, excellent condition, very reliable, JCI until April 2001,

\$3,000. 227-9087. (1)

**Wanted:** Baby crib, dresser/changing table, and stroller. 227-2163.(2)

**Automobile:** 1993 Nissan Sunny, silver, runs great, well maintained, JCI until October 2002, \$1,800 OBO. 090-2489-6181. (2)

**Lost:** Black and white cat, male, he had no collar, declawed, missing since Dec. 13. 227-4732. (2)

**For sale:** Taupe carpet for 3-bedroom garden apartment, in excellent condition, bathroom carpet in hunter green, \$200 OBO. 227-2078. (2)

**Wanted:** Wooden fence in good condition for a east garden end unit. 227-4835 after 7 p.m. (2)

**Automobile:** 1989 Toyota MR2, great condition and fast, JCI until Oct. 2001. 227-9197. (2)

**For sale:** Trek 8,000 mountain bike, aluminum, 21-sp. Shimano Deore XT/LX components, new Campagnolo rims, rear tire and brakes, includes specialized shoes (10.5) and helmet, \$400 OBO. 227-3289. (2)

**For sale:** Five Oscars, approximately 8 inches, \$15 each or \$50 for all five. 227-9571. (2)

**Free:** Bicycle for a boy age 8-10. 551-7108. (2)

**For sale:** GT mountain bike, 2 months old, extras, \$300 OBO. 227-4856. (2)

**Automobile:** 1989 Toyota Levin, sporty, power everything, excellent condition, low mileage, automatic, AM/FM cassette, new battery, good tires, JCI until November 2001, \$1,600. 227-2604. (2)

**Reward offered:** For recovery of boys brown Venom Diamondback bike stolen from quarters 4829-B, bike has four oversize black pegs. 227-2383. (2)

**For sale:** New JVC 200-disc changer, still in box, sells for \$200 at BX, \$150 OBO. 227-4047. (2)

**Automobile:** 1988 Toyota Vista, JCI until February 2001, \$1,300. 227-8743. (2)

**For sale:** 18,000 BTU and 6,000 BTU air conditioners, \$75 for both; awning for 3-bedroom east side house, \$200; home gym, \$50. 227-8743. (2)

**Automobile:** 1985 Toyota Corolla, JCI until November, runs great \$350. 227-2126. (2)

**For sale:** Two air conditioners, one 220 and one Japanese upright, both for \$125 OBO; Sony 5-disc carosel CD player, \$50, must sell for PCS. 227-2126. (2)

**Wanted:** 55 to 125 gallon fresh-water fish tank with or without stand. 042-531-7494. (2)

**For sale:** Curtains custom-made for large tower windows, not match set, dining room blue green, master bedroom pink, \$100 for both or sold separately for less. 225-9165. (2)

**Wanted:** A pair of used skis as a donation to Boy Scout Troop 17. 227-8935. (2)

**Automobile:** 1990 Toyota Town Ace SE, all power options, sunroof, 5-speed, dual climate control, new brakes, tires and battery, \$2,850 OBO. 227-3861. (2)

**Automobiles:** Toyota Starlet, gray, 3-door, automatic, air, AM/FM cassette, JCI until March 2001, \$1,700; 1988 Toyota Sprinter, blue, 4-door, automatic, air, AM/FM cassette, JCI until June 2001, \$1,800. 227-7518. (2)

**For sale:** Three adult bikes; two air conditioners. 227-7518. (2)

**Phone line:** Japanese phone line, plus ID and answering machine capable phone; just \$450. Available when you are. Call 042-578-0649. (3)

**For sale:** Luxman amplifier, \$125; Yamaha 5-disc CD changer, \$125; Bose 5-speaker system, \$150; Sony center channel system, \$50; Onyoko surround sound processor, \$75; RCA Hi-Fi VCR, \$50; or all for \$550, all with manuals and remotes. 227-3940. (3)

**Automobile:** 1990 Isuzu Bighorn SUV, 2-door, 4-wheel drive, turbo/diesel, 5-speed, air, CD changer, excellent condition, JCI until August 2001, \$4,200. 090-4605-0595. (3)

**For sale:** New digital camera, \$200 OBO. 227-4390 or 090-7180-4643. (3)

**Automobile:** 1990 Nissan Laurel, 4-door, power everything, runs excellent, great family car, JCI until June 2001, \$1,800, must sell ASAP. 227-4017. (3)

**Automobiles:** 1986 Toyota Camery, 16 vlv EFI, 4-door, power steering, brakes and windows, runs great, JCI until September, \$1,000 OBO; 1984 Toyota Town Ace 8-passenger van, 5-speed, power steering and brakes, JCI until June 2001, \$800 OBO. 225-9165. (3)

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-- David Duval  
Golf star on golfers' athleticism

# SPORTS

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## Crew Dawgs complete trifecta

*374th Maintenance Squadron earns base intramural title*

By Senior Airman Matt Miller  
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At the beginning of the day, the 374th Maintenance Squadron intramural basketball team was faced with the task of winning three straight games or ending their season on a down note. An earlier tournament loss put them in this predicament in which the Crew Dawgs handled like the title they would earn this night – champs.

The Crew Dawgs used their first of three elimination games as a warm up for the real deal. They jumped out to an early lead over the 374th Operational Support Squadron and never looked back gaining a 41 – 35 win.

Kenyon Bell led all Crew Dawg scorers with 13.

This win sent them up against the undefeated "Trollers" of the 374th Comptroller Squadron. At first the Trollers looked to be a formidable opponent for the Crew Dawgs. Their meticulous offensive schemes were netting them easy buckets while they controlled the early boards at the other end. But no matter how well oiled the Trollers looked, the Crew Dawgs always had an answer.

The lead changed hands seven times in the first 11 minutes before the Trollers established their largest lead of the game – six points with four minutes left in the half.

The Crew Dawgs went back to the run and gun style of play to scratch away at the Trollers' lead. The Trollers took a 27 – 26 lead into the locker room at the half.

Seeing that this high tempo style of play was working for them, the Crew Dawgs jumped all over the Trollers early. They were able to grab a quick lead before the Trollers even knew what hit them.

But the Trollers weren't about to just lay down and die. Willie Dial gave his team a much needed spark with a long three and a quick steal on the inbounds pass. His team responded with hustle and determination under the boards. The Trollers would regain the six-point lead they once had.

Once again the fast break game helped the Crew Dawgs not only take the lead late in the half, but hold



photo by Senior Airman Matt Miller

**Crew Dawg guard, Eddie Lockett, gets the ball taken away during a lay-up by a comptroller defender in the first championship game. Lockett was fouled on the play and drained the two ensuing free throws.**

onto it for good as they went up 50 – 43 with less than a minute to play.

The Trollers tried to foul their way back in it, but it was not to be. Maintenance would force a game three with a 57 – 48 victory.

Eddie Lockett led all Crew Dawg scorers with 20 while Bell dropped in 18.

After a 30-minute break, both teams took the court

for the season finale. Even after playing two previous games the Crew Dawgs didn't show any signs of wear or tear. They pounded the out-hustled Trollers to a 40 – 31 win and the base championship.

The Crew Dawgs finished the season as the base and National League champions with a record of 17 – 1. The Trollers finished their season as American League champions with a record of 14 – 5.

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